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Quartering Area of the 7th Gds Mech Div Including Army Troops of the

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Fourth Gds Mech Army and the 32d AAA Div

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

1. On 14 July 1954, the Pionier Kaserne (4502) in Fuerstenwalde was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, signal and motor transport insignia. On 7 July, an undetermined number of soldiers received instruction on 2 T-34/85 tanks. Between 9 and 13 July, no training was observed in the barracks area. Mortars were fired at the large drill ground. A T-34/85 tank was seen north of the temporary one-story building. Truck [] entered the installation.
2. On 14 July, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse (4501) in Fuerstenwalde was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 6 July, about 30 soldiers received field training in the training area in front of the installation. Motor vehicles [] were seen entering and leaving the installation.
3. On 7 July, the Artillerie Kaserne (4442) in Frankfurt/Oder was partially occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport and signal insignia. On 23 June, a column of 4 trucks [] each occupied by 20 soldiers, left the installation toward Buschmuehlenweg. On 24 June and 4 July, soldiers were seen drilling on 4 x 85-mm AA guns in the barracks yard. On 1 and 6 July, 30 to 60 soldiers with signal equipment left the installation toward Westkreuz. Trucks [] hauled boards and boxes toward Eichwald.
4. On 13 July, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 28 June, about 40 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard. On 3 July, driving school trucks [] entered the installation. No training was observed.
5. On 13 July, the Buelow Kaserne (4441) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 28 June, approximately 6 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 5 x 57-mm AT guns were parked in the yard. Fifteen soldiers received instruction on a

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57 mm AT gun. There was no training on 2, 7, and 13 July.

6. On 13 July, the Eichhorn Kaserne (4444) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. There was no training.
7. On 13 July, the Hindenburg Kaserne (4449) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Neither training nor tank traffic between the installation and Wilmersdorf were observed.
8. On 13 July, the Horn Kaserne (4445) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training or vehicular traffic were observed.
9. On 13 July, the Zietzen Kaserne (4448) in Frankfurt, Oder was occupied by about 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training or fatigue duty were observed.
10. On 7 July, the Hofbauer Kaserne (4447) in Frankfurt, Oder was occupied by a guard detail of about 100 soldiers. Sentries observed wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Only a few windows of the main building were lit at dusk.
11. Foresters stated in June that an artillery training area was to be built between Biegen, 10 km southwest of Frankfurt/Oder, and the Buschschleuse forest house, 3 km southwest of Biegen. A wooded area of about 220 hectares was allegedly to be cut soon.
12. On 7 July, the Wuhlheide contourment south of the Havelshorst racecourse (4161) in East Berlin was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was no training. Two motor vehicle sheds were occupied by 10 tanks each.
13. Between 25 June and 8 July, the Artillerie Kaserne (4442) in Kuesstrin was occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and, some wearing motor transport insignia. On 23 June, a unit with 85-mm AA guns had departed. Between 26 June and 8 July, instruction on 6 x 37-mm AA guns was daily observed in the western training area. About 20 x 37-mm AA guns were continually observed in the gun sheds southeast of the athletic field. Between 26 June and 8 July, no 85-mm AA guns were seen in the installation. The two gun sheds in the southeastern training area were vacant. During the period under review, about 20 boxcarsloads of bricks for Artillerie Kaserne were unloaded at the unused Altstadt railroad station.

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1. Comment. Training facilities in the vicinity of the post were presumably improved.
2. Comment. According to the same source, a unit of the 32d AAA Div had been entrained for Muestrin at the Kuesstrin railroad station.

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3. Comment. Corresponding to observations at the Fuerstenwalde and Frankfurt/Oder posts, the bulk of the units of the 7th Gds Moch Div was located at the Lieberose troop training grounds until mid-July. Units of the 32d AAA Div were stationed at Wustrow and Justerbog for firing practices during the period under review.

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